

NORTHEAST KANSAS SAINTS

Academics, Eligibility and Minimum Academic Performance of Students:

To be eligible to participate with Northeast Kansas, students must meet the following criteria:

1. Must be homeschooled per definition below, completing coursework towards the high graduation criteria as established by their home school. An athlete may not have participated in a high school graduation ceremony as established by their home school.
2. Must be at least eleven (11) years old and less than nineteen (19) years old by September 1 of the current school year.
3. Must not be married or divorced
4. Must not be a parent or expected to be a parent during the current academic year.
5. Students are required to maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA. Parents of students shall contact the Sport Coordinator or Coach immediately if their student's GPA falls below 2.0. It is important to contact and inform the Coach or Coordinator because a team member GPA below 2.0 could impact NEK's eligibility to participate in some events.

Additionally, families shall carefully consider the grade listed for their child prior to participating in NEK Saints. Grade classification for NEK Saints can be different from the grade classification for academic testing, academic coursework or other grade classifications. Grade classification may impact the activities in which a student may participate. No student will be given scholarships or grants in financial aid of any kind from NEK, purely for athletic purposes.

Northeast Kansas Saints Homeschool Definition:

Students must be at least 50% home schooled, defined as parent-directed home education, and passing all courses. Parent-directed home education includes the following:

1. Dual-credit college courses where the college institution admits the student as a high school student.
2. Courses that are taught in the home/studio of the player's parent(s), grandparent(s), sibling (age 18 or older), legal guardian, or another home school parent or tutor, provided the instruction by a non-parent is done under the direction and supervision of the child's parent(s).
3. Courses that are taught at a central location (e.g. home school support group "co-op" classes, such as chemistry, speech, or calculus) by a parent or tutor. A newer form of homeschooling called University Model Schools would fall under this definition provided:
 - The student doesn't attend the classes more than 2-1/2 days a week (because then not more than 50% of their time is actually at the school, while the other 50% is wherever their parents decide they should be)
 - The particular school in question does not itself provide athletics.

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4. Correspondence/virtual/distance learning courses provided by a public or private kindergarten through grade 12 program or school.
5. Courses taught or otherwise provided by a public or private school, where the player is counted in that school's enrollment, are not considered as part of the 50% of classes which are home school classes.

Students who are eligible to participate with another school due to enrollment and class attendance are not eligible to compete with NEK. Exceptions may be made for sports not offered by those schools.

While NEK will allow participation for students homeschooled per the definition above, some games, events or competitions may not be available to all athletes. Students taking one course on campus at a KSHSAA-member public or private school are not eligible to compete in KSHSAA events. Participation in such events will jeopardize the ability for NEK to compete against KSHSAA-member schools

Some events or teams NEK competes against have more stringent homeschool definitions. If students are enrolled in programs such as #4 above, the parents shall clearly and completely disclose their planned coursework to allow NEK coaches and leadership to appropriately communicate the level of participation that is available and mitigate any negative impact on the NEK program participation in competitions.